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London EC4V 4EL (GB)**(54) **Spectroscopic method**

(57) The invention provides a method of identifying an analyte in a sample, said method comprising:

- i) treating said sample with a deuterating agent;
- ii) directing monochromatic light at said sample;
- iii) detecting Raman light signal from said sample;
- iv) and comparing said Raman light signal with a standard whereby to identify said analyte.

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